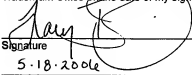


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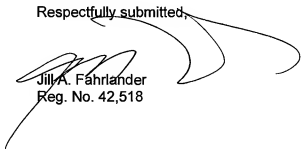
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2006, in which a requirement for election of species was made, Applicants elect species HUMTPOX, HUMVWFA31, and HUMCSF1PO, without traverse. Claims 21 and 24 encompass this species.

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